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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 61; minimum temperature, 38; precipitation, .06 of an inch. TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain; south to west breeze.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS? The Southern Pacific seems disposed to discontinue the transportation of Oregon lumber. And the reason would appear to be that the rate is not satisfactory.

But the railway management has not answered directly on this point. It has as yet made no statement. It has raised the rate, and moreover has cut off or greatly reduced the supply of cars in the country at large.

DEMOCRATIC WAR ON PANAMA. That the Democratic Senators will oppose ratification of a canal treaty with the Republic of Panama is interesting, but not surprising.

MURPHY A GOOD POLITICIAN. For some Republican papers to try, as they are trying, to rob Murphy of the credit of his victory in the New York election is a waste of words.

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The two nations with such a large proportion of the world's tonnage will establish the rates and the American shipowner will meet them and pocket the 20 per cent discriminating duty.

"The people" demanded that they be given a chance. They wanted land. Here, they said, is an immense National domain. It belongs to the people. Then each one of "the people" was allowed to make an entry.

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THE HERALD HAS AN OPINION.

The New York Herald, Nov. 6. The President is not to be deceived. No more is the country. No more is the independent existence of the new Republic of Panama.

As patriots, as practical men, Americans of every shade of opinion should accept the accomplished fact and support the government. The question whether Mr. Roosevelt be right or wrong is one that concerns the future.

For the moment, however, the prospect is very smiling. England's interests were safeguarded when the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was signed. The name that will not benefit from the intervention of the United States. It is now a virtual certainty that the Panama Canal will be constructed.

As an independent newspaper, and, therefore, as one without political prejudice or obligations, the Herald frankly admits that the time has gone by when controversy about superiority, respectively, of the Panama and Nicaragua routes could be profitable.

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DONT BLAME THE FOREIGNER.

New York Evening Post. After every such defeat as the reform forces have suffered there are plenty of croakers who think that the time has come to restrict the suffrage.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The "Bumbershoot." Oh, the festive umbrella. What a jolly kind of "fella." He is humble, yet we always hold him high.

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